



Friday
August 14, 2010

Weekly Views

Governor Daniels received a surprise gift at the Miami PLUS graduation! Staff presented the Governor with a wooden replica of a motorcycle, handmade by Miami PLUS participants, and a special quilt, custom made by Wabash Valley PLUS participants. The quilt's embroidery includes the Governor's years of service, his children's names, he and his wife Cheri's alma maters, the State Seal and much more. (see photo right)

Commissioner Buss announced the IDOC's new Chief Financial Officer, Ronald J. Miller, Jr. He will be responsible for leading all financial and accounting functions of the Department. Ronald brings with him a great deal of knowledge and experience. Everyone please welcome him!



The Reception-Diagnostic Center would like to extend a big "Thank You" to Branchville Correctional Facility for their generous donation of offender books!

On Saturday, August 14, residents at Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility will enjoy a special concert by Carmel-based Christian entertainer, Karl Hinkle, of Karl Hinkle Music Ministry.

Two Rabbinical students associated with the Aleph Institute's Summer Visitation Program visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to lead a service for the facility's Jewish offenders.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a Staff Assembly. Facility updates were presented by administrative staff and staff were recognized for various accomplishments.

IDOC offenders and our partners in corrections, Aramark and CMS, donated \$8300 to Governor Daniels' 6th Annual Ride with the Governor Charity ride to benefit the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund. The check was presented to the Governor before the ride commenced. A video of the event can be seen here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/IndianaCorrections> (see photo left)



Indianapolis Re-entry Educational Facility (IREF) Superintendent Bennett invites IREF and IDOC staff to join her in congratulating Assistant Superintendent Latoya Lane for completing the Criminal Justice doctoral program at Capella University. Dr. Lane's commencement ceremony will take place in Minneapolis, MN on Saturday, August 14 at 10 a.m. and can be viewed on the web at <http://www.youtube.com/user/capellauniversity>

Westville's Therapeutic Community (TC) hosted a Family Seminar to address Healthy Relationships. Nine TC offenders and 15 guests participated in the presentation, which included a luncheon. The program is a component of the Family/Community Reintegration grant by the Bureau of Justice. All the participants have stated their intentions to continue to attend future Family Seminars in this three part series.

The Reception-Diagnostic Center held a Root Beer Float sale to support the Plainfield Correctional Complex E-Squad team in the upcoming Special Olympics Plane Pull.

"Volunteers of the Year", named for their contributions at the Correctional Industrial Facility were Maleah Stringer, who coordinates three animal programs (FIDO, Saving Max and 9-Lives) and Cheri Karkosky, a volunteer with the PLUS Program.

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to dedicate offender American Legion Post 608.

Seven students completed their GED test at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility and are anxiously awaiting their results.

The Correctional Industrial Facility hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in the facility chapel with over 70 volunteers, staff and offenders attending. State Representative Eric Turner was the guest speaker.